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In re Application of: Didier Benoit et al.

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For: Copolymers For Use In Capillary  
Electrophoretic Separation Media

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced patent application  
in view of this Preliminary Amendment A and the following remarks.

Amendments to the specification are requested as set forth below in the section entitled  
"Amendments to the Specification." No amendments are being made to the claims. Remarks  
relating to such amendments and responsive to the aforementioned Office action follow  
thereafter in the section entitled "Remarks".